



Supreme Court of Illinois

November 3, 2015

JUSTICE THOMAS L. KILBRIDE TO ADMINISTER OATH TO NEW ATTORNEYS IN KANKAKEE

Justice Thomas L. Kilbride of the Illinois Supreme Court will administer the attorney's oath to 27 new lawyers on Thursday, November 5 in the Third Judicial District.

The group is among 1,605 individuals who will be sworn in and admitted to the practice of law in Illinois during bar admission ceremonies held in the state's five Supreme Court judicial districts.

The bar admission ceremony in the Third Judicial District will begin at 11 a.m. at Kankakee Community College Main Auditorium, located at 100 College Drive in Kankakee.

Media coverage is invited.

It is believed to be the first time the Illinois Supreme Court has held a bar admission ceremony in Kankakee. Previous ceremonies have taken place in Ottawa, Rock Island, Moline, and Joliet.

Justice Kilbride will preside over the ceremony and welcome members of the class, their families, and friends. Third District Appellate Clerk Barbara Trumbo will call the proceedings to order.

Welcoming remarks will also be made by Presiding Justice Mary W. McDade of the Third District Appellate and Kankakee Community College President John Avendano.

The speaker for the ceremony will be Jeffrey D. Colman, a member and former chair of the Illinois Supreme Court Commission on Access to Justice. Mr. Colman, a partner at Jenner & Block in Chicago, has focused his 38-year career on complex civil and criminal litigation and received numerous awards for his extensive pro bono and public service activities.

Illinois State Bar Association President Elect Vincent F. Cornelius will also give remarks.

Peoria attorney David A. Perkins will make the motion to admit the class. Mossville Attorney J. Wesley Blumenshine will second the motion. Both Mr. Perkins and Mr. Blumenshine have children in the class.

Justice Kilbride will rule on the motion, administer the attorney's oath, and make remarks. A reception hosted by the Illinois State Bar Association will follow the ceremony.

Guests of the Supreme Court will include Third District Appellate Justices Mary W. McDade, Daniel L. Schmidt, Mary K. O'Brien, and Robert L. Carter; and Twenty-First Judicial Circuit Judges Michael J. Kick, Kendall O. Wenzelman, Clark E. Erickson, Gordon L. Lustfeldt, Kathy Bradshaw Elliott, Susan Sumner Tungate, Adrienne W. Albrecht, Michael D. Kramer, James B. Kinzer, Kenneth A. Leshen, Ronald J. Gerts, and Thomas W. Cunningham.

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All of the candidates have passed the Illinois State Bar Examination and a required ethics examination and were certified by the Supreme Court Committee on Character and Fitness.

In addition to Kankakee, ceremonies will be held Thursday in Carbondale, Springfield, Elgin and Chicago. The new attorneys sworn in at the November 5 bar admission ceremonies will bring the total number of licensed attorneys in Illinois to approximately 96,000.

The Third Judicial District is composed of the following counties: Bureau, Fulton, Grundy, Hancock, Henderson, Henry, Iroquois, Kankakee, Knox, LaSalle, Marshall, McDonough, Mercer, Peoria, Putnam, Rock Island, Stark, Tazewell, Warren, Whiteside, and Will.

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